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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, MILI, PBOR, US, IS, LE  
SUBJECT: SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AS OF SEPT 24

1. UN SOURCE INFORMED US SEPT 24 THAT FIGHTING AROUND EL KHIAM REMAINED INTENSE DURING PAST 24 HOURS WITH 260 SHELLS LANDING IN TOWN, SOME NEAR BELEAGURED UNMO POST. DESPITE HEAVY FIGHTING AND CONFLICTING PRESS REPORTS REGARDING STATUS OF TOWN, UN REPORTS THAT IT IS STILL IN HANDS OF LEFTISTS AS OF EARLY SEPTEMBER 24.

2. UNMO'S REPORTED A TOTAL OF 559 IDF ARTILLERY SHELLS FIRED INTO LEBANON DURING SEPTEMBER 23. UN CANNOT CONFIRM PRESS REPORTS OF IDF TANKS OPERATING IN KHIAM AREA.

3. ONCE AGAIN EFFORTS TO RELIEVE TWO UNMO'S AT OP KHIAM ON MORNING OF SEPT 24 WERE THWARTED BY CHRISTIAN REFUSAL TO ALLOW TWO-HOUR CEASE FIRE. AS RESULT TWO UNMO'S (FRENCH CAPTAIN AND USAF CAPTAIN) WILL REMAIN AT OP KHIAM AT LEAST UNTIL SEPTEMBER 26 WHEN ANOTHER ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO SEND IN RELIEF CONVOY. UN SOURCE TELLS US THAT FRENCH ARE SHOWING INCREASING CONCERN  
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OVER SAFETY OF FRENCH CAPTAIN.

4. AS OF NOON SEPTEMBER 24, UNTSO HAD RECEIVED NO REPORT OF SCHEDULED BEIRUT MEETING BETWEEN ILMAC CHAIRMAN AND GENERAL KHOURY SEPTEMBER 23.  
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